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SUBJ: NO LET UP IN GDR CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE FRG.

SUMMARY: THE GDR PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE FRG CONTINUED  
ON THE WEEKEND OF JAN 21/22 WITH A SERIES OF NEUES DEUTSCHLAND  
(ND) EDITORIALS AND MFA STATEMENTS AND A SPEECH BY POLITBURO  
MEMBER ALBERT NORDEN, ALL DEALING WITH FRG/GDR RELATIONS.  
IN THESE VARIOUS STATEMENTS THE GDR A) ATTACKED SCHMIDT FOR  
IN EFFECT DEFENDING FRG INTERFERENCE IN GDR INTERNAL AFFAIRS,  
B) DISPUTED THE RIGHT OF THE FRG PERMREP IN EAST BERLIN TO  
ADVISE GDR CITIZENS AND INVOLVE ITSELF WITH FAMILY REUNIFICA-  
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TION CASES, C) DENIED ONCE AGAINST THE EXISTENCE OF A  
FOUR POWER STATUS FOR GREATER BERLIN, AND D) REPORTED  
THE SENTENCING OF TWO FRG CITIZENS FOR MISUSE OF THE  
TRANSIT ROUTES. END SUMMARY.

1. ND EDITORIAL JANUARY 22 IS ENTITLED: "ATTEMPTS  
AT INTERFERENCE HINDER NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS".

IN THIS EDITORIAL, THE GDR STEPS UP ITS CRITICISM OF SCHMIDT BY COMMENTING ON THE CURRENT FRG BUNDESTAG DEBATE. WRITTEN BY DR. GUENTER KERTZSCHER, THE EDITORIAL ALLEGES THAT INSECURITY RESULTING FROM ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES IN THE FRG DETERMINED THE FOREIGN POLICY SECTION OF THE DEBATE. IT GIVES THE CDU/CSU SHORT SHRIFT, DISMISSING ITS "PROVOCATIVE" STATEMENTS AGAINST THE GDR AS A THROW BACK TO COLD WAR ATTITUDES OF THE 1950S. THE LION'S SHARE OF CRITICISM IS RESERVED HOWEVER FOR SCHMIDT. KERTZSCHER POINTS OUT THAT SCHMIDT, BUILDING UPON BRANDT'S POLICIES, CAN BOAST OF SUCCESSES IN FRG/GDR RELATIONS: ECONOMIC TIES, TRAVEL AND TRANSIT, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BETTER TELEPHONE SYSTEM BETWEEN THE FRG AND GDR. RATHER THAN USING THESE SUCCESSES TO ISOLATE THE CDU/CSU OPPOSITION IN THE BUNDESTAG DEBATE, KERTZSCHER ARGUES, SCHMIDT INSTEAD TOOK POSITIONS AGAINST THE GDR IN VIOLATION OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT AND THE FRG/GDR BASIC TREATY.

2. KERTZSCHER CHARACTERIZED FRG/GDR RELATIONS AS ALREADY LADEN WITH A SERIES OF FRG ATTEMPTS AT INTERFERENCE IN GDR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE ACCUSES SCHMIDT OF ADVOCATING SUCH INTERFERENCE IN HIS DEFENSE OF THE FRG PERMREP ACTIVITIES IN EAST BERLIN. KERTZSCHER DENIES THAT THE FRG MISSION HAS A RIGHT TO REPRESENT IN ANY WAY CITIZENS OF THE GDR, AND ACCUSES SCHMIDT OF BASING HIS DEFENSE ON THE "NOTORIOUS FICTION" OF SPECIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FRG AND GDR AND ON THE CONFIDENTIAL

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UNTENABLE POSITION THAT THE CITIZENSHIP LAW OF KAISER WILHELM CAN BE APPLIED TO THE GDR. THE FRG MUST RECOGNIZE THAT TWO INDEPENDENT, SOVEREIGN GERMAN STATES NOW EXIST WITH DIFFERING SOCIAL SYSTEMS. KERTZSCHER CONCLUDES THAT POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR FURTHER NORMALIZATION, BUT QUOTES HONECKER'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GDR WILL RESPOND POSITIVELY ONLY TO "REALISTIC" STEPS BY THE FRG. THIS MEANS THAT THE FRG WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT THE EXISTENCE OF TWO GERMAN STATES AND REFRAIN FROM INTERFERING IN GDR INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

3. MFA STATEMENT ON THE FRG PERMREP JAN 21.  
RESPONDING TO FRG SPOKESMAN BOELLING'S STATEMENT THAT THE FRG PERMREP IN EAST BERLIN DID NOT INTERFERE IN GDR INTERNAL AFFAIRS, A GDR MFA SPOKESMAN ISSUED A STATEMENT JAN 21 LABELING THE FRG POSITION "FAR FETCHED". THE MFA STATEMENT DENIES, ON THE BASIS OF THE FRG/GDR TREATY, THAT THE FRG REPRESENTATION HAS THE RIGHT TO HANDLE FAMILY REUNIFICATION OR ADVISE GDR CITIZENS.

REPEATING THAT THE REPRESENTATION IS NOT RESPONSIBLE  
FOR FAMILY REUNIFICATION, THE MFA STATES THAT THE  
PERMREP MUST ABIDE BY THE RULES OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION.

4. JANUARY 21 SPEECH BY POLITBURO MEMBER ALBERT NORDEN.  
SPEAKING AT A CONFERENCE OF THE GDR NATIONAL FRONT, NORDEN  
EMPHASIZED FRG/GDR RELATIONS. NOTING THAT THE  
IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE IS INTENSIFYING, NORDEN  
ASSERTED THAT THE GDR SEES A STEPPED UP ATTACK AGAINST  
DETENTE AND PEACE, PARTICULARLY FROM THE FRG. HE ACCUSES  
THE ENEMIES OF DETENTE OF ORGANIZING PROVOCATIONS TO  
VIOLATE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES. VIGILANCE IS THE ORDER  
OF THE DAY, NORDEN WARS, BECAUSE THE ENEMY, WHICH HAS  
NOT OVERCOME THE PAST, IS COMING TO RELY MORE AND MORE  
ON MILITARY CONFLICT. HE TRACES A SINGLE LINE OF  
"IMPERIALIST POLICIES" FROM THE PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR  
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OF THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION BY  
FRG PERMREP IN THE GDR. NORDEN CONCLUDES THAT THE GDR  
WILL NOT ACCEPT THESE PROVOCATIONS.

5. ND EDITORIAL ATTACKING SCHUETZ. IN AN ND EDITORIAL  
JANUARY 21, THE GDR ONCE AGAIN DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF  
A FOUR POWER STATUS FOR GREATER GERLIN. IN ACCUSING  
WEST BERLIN GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ OF INTERFERING  
IN GDR INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN HIS COMMENTS ON NEW GDR VISA  
REGULATIONS, ND STATES THAT SCHUETZ SHOULD  
REALIZE THERE EXIST A BERLIN, CAPITAL OF THE GDR,  
AND A WEST BERLIN, LOCATED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GDR AND  
REGULATED BY THE QA, BERLIN HAS BEEN A PART OF THE  
GDR SINCE ITS FOUNDING, ND ARGUES, AND SINCE THIS TIME  
A FOUR POWER STATUS HAS NO LONER EXISTED.

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6. ND REPORTS FROM "OFFICIAL CIRCLES" IN EAST BERLIN THAT SCHUETZ'S COMMENTS HAVE BEEN REJECTED AS INTERFERENCE IN GDR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IT ALLEGES THAT SCHUETZ DEFAMED THE GDR IN HIS ASSERTION THAT THE GDR HAS A) CONTRAVENED THE QA AND B) IS PREPARING FOR NEW CONFRONTATIONS IN 1977. ND ALSO ACCUSES SCHUETZ OF FAILING TO RECOGNIZE THE "MAIN PROVISION" OF THE QA, NAMELY THAT WEST BERLIN IS NOT A CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FRG AND SHALL NOT BE GOVERNED BY IT. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT THE GDR WILL CONTINUE TO PROMOTE THE STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE QA IN CLOSE ALLIANCE WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER SOCIALIST  
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STATES. IT WARNS THAT WEST BERLIN WILL PROFIT MOST WHEN IT PURSUES POLICIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QA.

7. ND ALSO CARRIED JAN 21 A DECLARATION BY AN MFA SPOKESMAN PROTESTING GENSCHER'S VISIT TO WEST BERLIN WITH FRENCH FONMIN GUIRINGAUD AND HIS PARTICIPATION IN A MEETING OF THE WEST BERLIN SENAT. THE MFA DECLARATION LABELS THE GENSCHER VISIT AN ATTEMPT BY "AUTHORITATIVE CIRCLES" IN THE FRG TO TREAT WEST BERLIN AS A "LAND" OF THE FRG. THE MFA SPOKESMAN CONDEMNS THE VISIT AS A VIOLATION OF THE QA AND EMPHASIZES THAT THE COMMON EFFORTS OF THE WARSAW PACT MEMBER STATES ARE DIRECTED AT SECURING THE POLITICAL STATUS OF WEST BERLIN AS FIXED IN THE QA. THE SPOKESMAN STATES THAT THE GDR WILL THUS DO ITS PART TO REJECT ALL ATTACKS AGAINST

THE QA AND EXPECTS THE FRG STRICTLY TO OBSERVE THE AGREEMENT.

8. FINALLY, IN A CRYPTIC NEWS ITEM, ND REPORTS ON JAN 22 THAT ONE FRG CITIZEN AND ONE WEST BERLINER WERE SENTENCED IN ROSTOCK AND NEU BRANDENBURG ON JAN 21 FOR VIOLATION OF PARAGRAPH 105 OF THE GDR LEGAL CODE. BOTH ARE DESCRIBED AS MEMBERS OF CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN MISUSE OF THE TRANSIT ROUTES. THE WEST BERLINER IS REPORTED TO HAVE RECEIVED SEVEN YEAR SENTENCE, THE FRG CITIZEN FOUR YEARS.

9. COMMENT: THE GDR IS NOT LETTING UP IN ITS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE FRG POSITION ON "SPECIAL RELATIONS" BETWEEN THE TWO GERMAN STATES AND AGAINST THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FRG PERMREP IN EAST BERLIN, PARTICULARLY ITS RIGHT TO HANDLE FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES, AN OBVIOUSLY DEBATABLE POINT. IN A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF (SEPTEL) DR. HEINZ KOSSIN OF THE GDR INSTITUTE OF POLITICS AND ECONOMICS, A WELL-INFORMED CONTACT CLOSE TO HERBERT HAEBER, HEAD OF THE FRG (WESTERN) SECTION IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SED CENTRAL COMMITTEE, CHARACTERIZED FRG/GDR RELATIONS AS BEING AT A CRITICAL STAGE. HE SAID THAT THE GDR WAS DETERMINED TO SHOW THE FRG THAT IT HAD NO RIGHT TO REPRESENT CITIZENS OF THE GDR. IF IT STUCK TO ITS PRETENSION OF REPRESENTING ALL "GERMANS", KOSSIN SAID, IT INTERFERED IN GDR INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND THE GDR WOULD HAVE TO REACT TO PROTECT ITSELF. KOSSIN FELT THAT THE FRG UNDERESTIMATED WHAT THE GDR WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO TO PROTECT ITS INTERNAL INTERESTS AGAINST PRESSURES FROM THE FRG.

10. WHILE THE GDR MAY FEEL THE TIME HAS COME TO TAKE A FIRM STAND WITH THE FRG IN DENYING THAT THE GERMAN QUESTION IS IN ANY WAY STILL OPEN, THE CURRENT ANTI-FRG CAMPAIGN IS CLEARLY MEANT FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION AS WELL. TRAVEL BY EMBOFF IN THE GDR ON THE WEEKEND OF JAN 15 REVEALED AN INCREASINGLY PESSIMISTIC MOOD AMONG THE POPULATION, PARTICULARLY REGARDING THE PROSPECTS FOR EMIGRATION TO THE FRG AND THE FUTURE COURSE OF FRG/GDR RELATIONS. MOST PEOPLE HAD HEARD OF THE JAN 11 CONTROLS ON THE FRG REPRESENTATION AND FELT THAT THIS ACT WAS INTENDED AS A WARNING TO GDR CITIZENS WHO THOUGHT OF EMIGRATING. SOME REPORTED THAT HARASSMENT OF GDR CITIZENS APPLYING FOR EMIGRATION HAD INCREASED IN RECENT WEEKS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. IT APPEARED TO MANY THAT THE GDR WOULD NOW MAKE EMIGRATION MORE DIFFICULT AND THAT SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS WOULD BE DISCOURAGED FROM APPLYING. THIS WOULD EFFECT IN PARTICULAR

THOSE WITH NO FAMILY TIES IN THE FRG  
WHO WERE APPLYING TO LEAVE IN INCREASING  
NUMBERS, SIMPLY ON THE BASIS OF DISSATISFACTION WITH LIFE  
IN THE GDR OR ON THE BASIS OF HELSINKI. WHILE FEW COM-  
PLAINTS WERE HEARD ABOUT THE GDR ECONOMIC SITUATION,  
MANY SEEMED TO THINK THAT THE GDR WAS HEADED FOR A PERIOD  
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